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DX News

3G0XQ San Ambrosio Island -cancelled

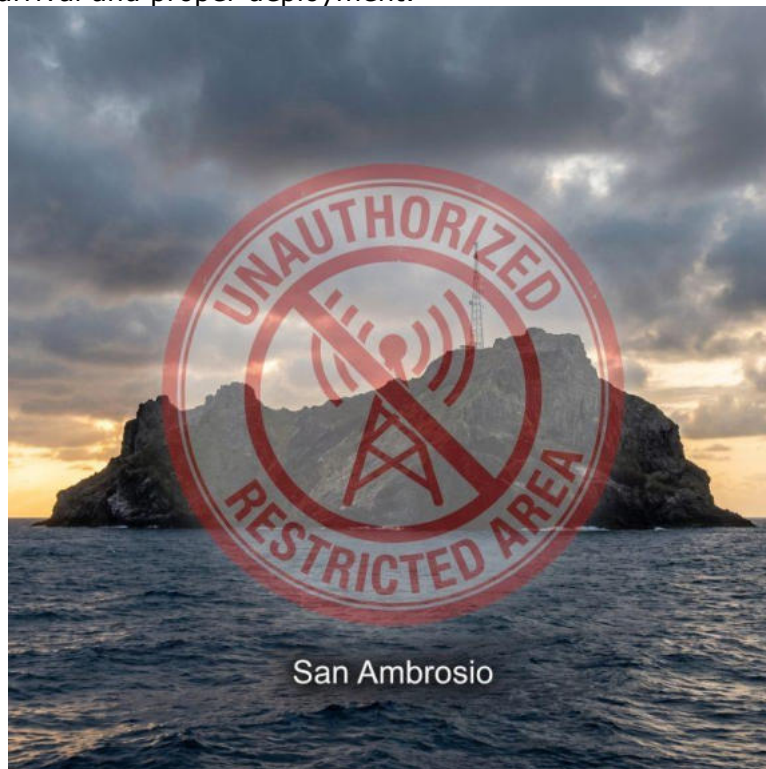
"The Undersecretariat of Telecommunications (SUBTEL), through its Regulatory Policy and Studies Division, announces the temporary suspension of the assignment of call signs and permits for amateur radio stations in the island territories of San Félix and San Ambrosio.

Felipe XQ7IR mentions:

This is to inform the DX community that I received today an official response to request for landing and operating from San Ambrosio Island. The relevant authorities communicated to me that they are looking into processing my application for the 2026 fishing season, which runs from September 2026 to March 2027.

In view of the above, the radio activity originally scheduled for January/February of this year must be regretfully postponed.

All the equipment intended for this operation is currently in standby on Juan Fernández Is. (CE0/Z). The cargo remains secured and sheltered on the premises of my local contact on the island, awaiting my arrival and proper deployment.



3G9S Navarino Island -update January 7

We're just a few days away from our little project, and there's still a lot to do.

We've acquired a small 2kW inverter generator and hope we won't have any problems with air transport. We've decided to build the line filter according to the GM3SEK model, for which we already have all the materials, including the ferrites purchased from Mouser. We plan to assemble it during the last week of December.

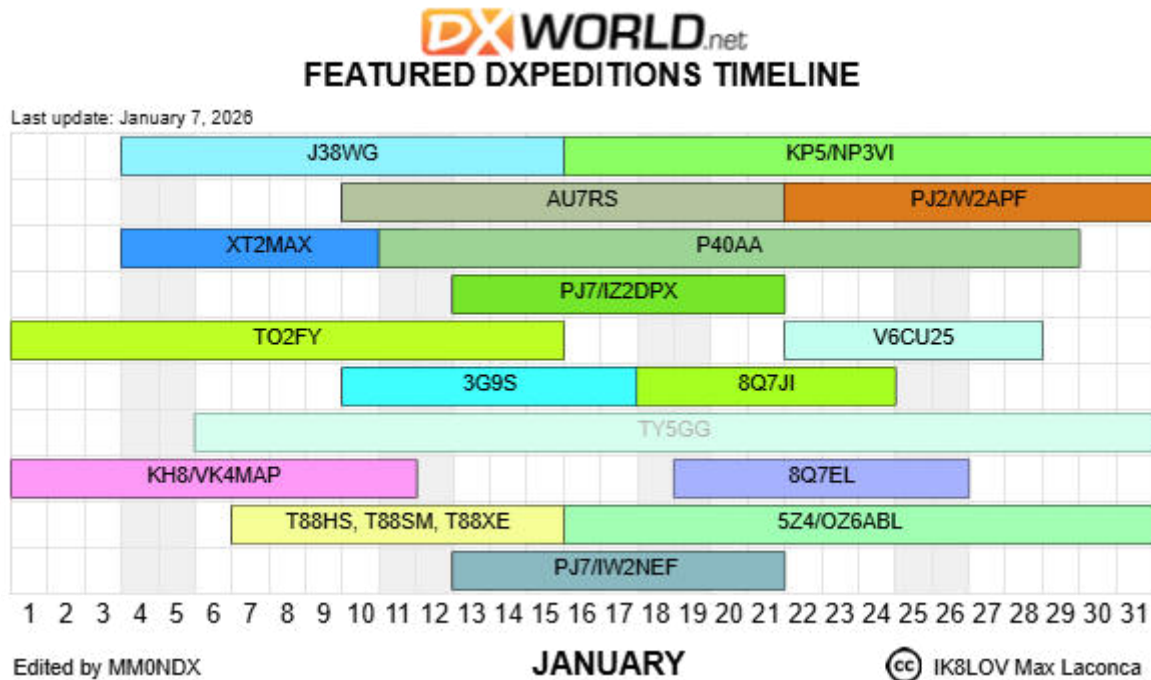
We've also built an end-fed antenna with a 1:64 balun for 80 meters, which we won't be able to test before traveling, but believe it will work.

<https://www.dx-world.net/3g9s-navarino-island-sa-050/>

TY5GG Benin -update January 7

G rard F5NVF is now on his way to Benin. His plane was cancelled yesterday (Jan 6) due to snow at Paris CDG airport. Upon arrival he should be QRV mainly on CW at the end of the week / weekend.

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

FS, ST MARTIN

Flavio IW2NEF and Giovanni IZ2DPX are planning activity from both PJ7 and FS during January 13-21, 2026. While operating from Saint Martin he will be mobile using a 20m vertical antenna. Also QRV on other HF bands from Sint Maarten; SSB, FT8, FT4. QSL via Club Log OQRS, buro, LoTW.

5N, NIGERIA Lars, DM1HLK is operating as 5N4DMZ. Lars mentions 'I am also licensed as DM1LHK due to my German origin. Since 2022, I've lived in Ikeja, which is the capital of Lagos State, Nigeria. I enjoy very much my life here with incredible people and a very dynamic environment.'

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort until mid-January 2026. From time to time he will sign as W8YCM/6Y on HF. QSL via home call.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

EA8, CANARY ISL Reno, IU3RIC is operating as EA8/call from Lanzarote until January 9.

FG, GUADELOUPE Guntram, OE9DGV is QRV on the higher bands until January 10 with Kenwood TS-480HX with a 5 band Endfed antenna. QSL via LoTW.

FS, PJ7 ST MARTIN Giovanni, IZ2DPX is active from both islands as FS/call and PJ7/call until January 21. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA Pierre, F4GPK is once again active as TO2FY until January 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB only. QSL via LoTW or home call.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

J3, GRENADA Rikk, WE9G is active as J38WG until January 16. Rikk will be running SO2R on 16906m; mostly FT8 with some CW & SSB. Possible SOTA activity too. For more details see <https://www.qrz.com/db/J38WG>

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be operating as P40AA from January 11 until January 29, 2026. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Outside the contest, Mat will be found on all bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecall, OQRS.

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL, Hiro JA6KYU and Koji JH6OPP will be operating as T88SM, T88HS and T88XE during January 10-16, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home calls.

On the scene...5N4DMZ Nigeria



TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF will be operating from Godomey as TY5GG starting from early January until April 2026. QRV on various bands. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Brian, G4DVB is operating as V4/call until January 9. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Jonathan, W5GI is once again operating as VP2V/call until January 20. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND Active when time permits, look for Ivo LZ1AAW to QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Antarctic Base of St. Kliment Ohridski, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, AN-010 until mid-February 2026.

VR, HONG KONG On January 11th, look out for this VR2 QRP activity. Team consisting of VR2VDX, VR2XAB, VR2WEV, VR2YKP & VR2ZTW plan to QRV from Hong Kong's Lantau island (Yi O Pier). Look for them using individual callsigns Field Day style on CW & SSB.

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX is operating as XT2MAX until January 11. Max says: *'his next trip to Burkina Faso is really a scouting trip because the previous QTH he operated from is no longer available. Therefore, he has no idea yet about noise / space for antennas until he's there.'* QSL via EA5GL, LoTW, Club Log.

Z6, KOSOVO Gabriele, HB9TSW is operating as Z68BG from Slatina Air Base near Pristina until January 28. He will operate CW only in his spare time. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

ZD7, ST HELENA Casey, AC1GQ will be operating from January 10 until January 24. License is pending. Operation possible on 40 and 20 metres.

Coming up soon

5B, CYPRUS Joe, HG2DX will be active as 5B4ASH between January 15 and January 22. An entry in the HA-DX contest is included as P3CR. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

5Z, KENYA Michael, OZ6ABL will be operating as 5Z4/call from January 15 until February 28, 2026. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR will be QRV as 8P9CB between January 18 and January 30, 2026. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES Alex, IW5ELA will be operating as 8Q7EL from Vaavu Atoll between January 19 and January 26, 2026. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES Ji, DS1TUW will be operating as 8Q7JI from January 18 until January 24, 2026. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. POTA activity during his stay. More to follow.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/call from January 22 until March 31, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGi announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as V660XGI during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

Guess the QSL...



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Dave, VE3VSM is active as call/HR9 until January 31. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 20 to 15 metres using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

NA-064 Providencia Adrian, HK4Q is QRV as HK4Q/0. Length of stay is unknown.

OCEANIA

OC-046 Moorea January 3-10

OC-067 Bora Bora January 10-15

OC-067 Huahine January 15-20

OC-067 Raiatea January 20-27

OC-067 Maupiti January 27-February 1

Pascal, FO/F6HCM will be operating from above islands

OC-077 Manu'a Isl Darren, VK4MAP is operating as KH8/call. See below



OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is once again active YB9/call until March 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-008 Tierra del Fuego

SA-018 Chiloe Isl

Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV from Chiloe as CE7/call during January 14-18 and from Tierra del Fuego as CE8/call on January 23-24. Operation from 20 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a BuddiHEX and 4-ele Yagi for 6 metres. Operation in 'holiday-style'.

SA-050 Navarino Isl The friends of JuncalDX from the Aconcagua Valley, eager to enjoy amateur radio, participate in and organize various amateur radio activities, such as the 3rd Chilean DX Congress and participation in international contests like CQWW or CQWPX, POTA activations, lighthouses, and others. CB9N, XR9N and 3G9S will be the special callsigns that will be part of the expedition to the Chilean Antarctic Province CE9 on Isla Navarino, taking place during the first half of January 2026. Operators Miguel CE2PM and Garcia CE2GT will be QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS.
More information and a call-for-support are available on the DXpedition [website](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Mik, DK5MIK aims to climb Mt Kilimanjaro later this month. Depending on weather and tour conditions, he plans to operate with a KX2 radio occasionally from POTA TZ-0005. However, this will only be CW QRP, and only when it fits within the group's schedule; the focus is on the climb, not on radio communication, says Mik. Also, from January 26th – 28th, a short trip to Zanzibar AF-032 is in the works where Mik will try to operate from there also QRP CW, holiday style. Callsign: 5H3MK.

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW starting from January 22 for 18 days. QRV in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and from 160 to 10 metres using CW, FT4 and SSB.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL Chunkhi, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

T8, PALAU Czech DXpedition Team members (OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM, OK6DJ) will be QRV during March 3-19. Callsign is not yet known. They will not be using the Palau rental QTH which many JA ops in particular use. More details to follow. QSL via OQRS Club Log OK6DJ.

VP2E, ANGUILLA A team with SP9FIH, SP9FOW and SQ2RAD will be active from March 3 until March 20. Callsigns pending. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA,

Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

Couple of days ago, the well travelled Adrian KO8SCA visited The Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society For Development HQ.



C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS will be back on air starting around January 31, 2026 until end July 2026. Phil mentions 'It's been great fun working everyone. And I keep promising but never deliver, but for sure some SSB next year. I need to get myself a good headset so I can be hands free and then good to go. It's also very noisy here. I live right next to the main road with no air con so windows always open. March / April should still bring some good contacts. SSB contacts will be barefoot. Legal limit here for CW / FT8 etc is 105 watts, SSB 400 watts. My licence good to the end of 2026.'

As stated below I will finish for good towards the end of July '26 when my 3 years is up. So still some time to catch me. My logs up to date with Charles M0OXO. Any queries hit me up on email. LoTW, eQSL, HRDlog, Club Log all up to date. 99% of LoTW queries are non-uploads at the other end.'

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. *"As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition"* <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from February 6 until February 19. Activity on HF with high efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>



JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village between January 25 and April 10, 2026. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by HK0NA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpediton), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpediton to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

KP5, DESECHEO ISL In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, we are proud to announce a landmark DXpedition to Desecheo Island

(KP5), currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC entity worldwide. To ensure continuous, global on-air presence, two self-sustained Remote Deployable Units (RDUs) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation will be deployed on the island. These stations will operate 24 hours a day for 30 consecutive days, utilizing state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR).

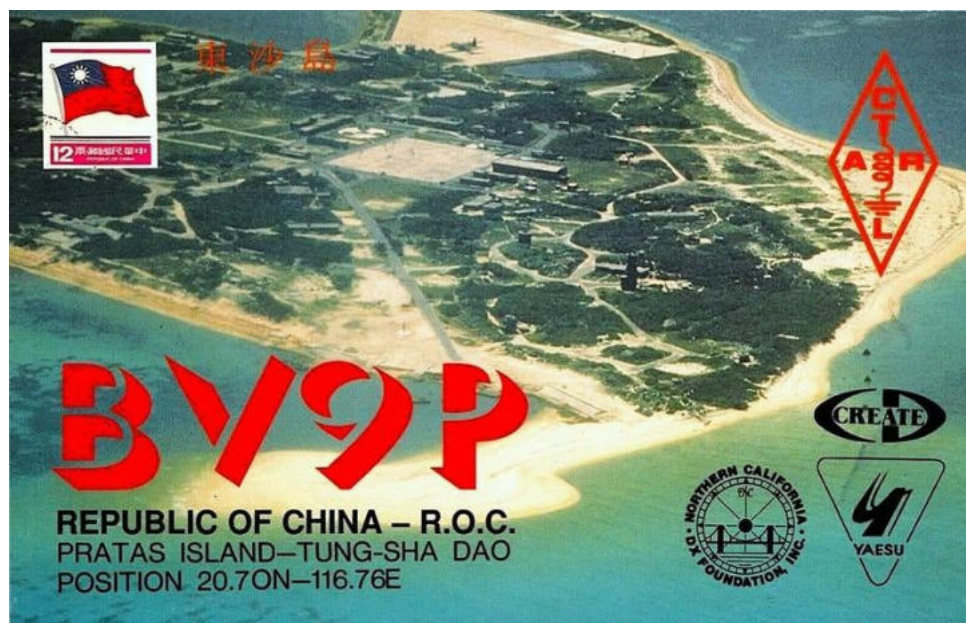
The primary mission of this DXpedition is to provide an All-Time New One (ATNO) to as many amateur radio operators worldwide as possible. Operators from Puerto Rico and international locations will participate to maximize coverage, band availability, and global accessibility.

<https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/>

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during February 16-23, 2026. QRV from his QTH in Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be back as PJ2/call between January 26 and March 4, 2026. More to follow.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from March 8 until April 4, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.



S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh February/March 2026. 'Ranked #91 worldwide, #32 for North America, and still highly wanted on CW (#66) and SSB (#75), this DXpedition is set to light up the bands. After bringing you 8R7X - Guyana 2024 and V73WW - Marshall Islands 2025, we're ready to make waves from one of Asia's most exciting and under-activated locations. More information about callsign, dates, and operators will follow shortly - stay tuned!'

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from February 5 until February 20, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

T8, PALAU Operating out of the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau, look for T88JH (JR3QFB), T88KY (JA1MFR), T88MH (JA1JRE), T88MT (JA1MEJ) & T88YL (7K4TKB) to be active during January 28-31, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. QSL via ops instructions.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD will once again be operating as V31KO / V3O during February and March 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from January 30 until February 3, 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-300D and a Mosley, a Yagi and a vertical. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX will be operating between February 11 and March 18, 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

On the scene...J38WG Grenada



V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Chuck, KG9N will be active as VP2MCV between February 17 and March 3, 2026. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, FALKLAND ISL Rick, NE8Z will be operating from Port Stanley as VP8TDX between February 7 and February 14. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned with a large team during March 19-31, 2026. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. [XX9 DXFriends Dxpediton](#)

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THE NEWCOMERS

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group_
NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Look for the N4T team from February 17 until February 25. Main goal is 6 metre activity from the rare grid EL84, also from various POTA parks. QSL via KC3YQL.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-018 Kangerlussuaq Bo OX3LX and Mikkel OX7AKT will be QRV from February 10 until February 17, 2026. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, OX3LX via OZ0J.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

Antarctic base

Casey Station

Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.

— Casey Sation [webcam](#)

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Update December 30 by Frank F8DVD

Andrew, **KC4/KL5SE** arrived two days ago at Mt Newall Camp. He has been active a few times on 14242, and will be at the camp until January 10th.

His working conditions: FT-710 with 100W into a dipole. It's the very 1st ham radio activity from that remote place. Thanks Andrew for that!

Mt Newall is a radio repeater station to relay data from a seismic array in the Wright Valley to McMurdo Station. It also powers VHF voice repeaters to support activities in the area.

Coordinates: 77° 50'S , 162° 62' W Grid RB12hl.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Palmer Peninsula WE9G/KC4

Look out for Rikk, WE9G to be active from Palmer Peninsula, Antarctica as WE9G/KC4 in early February 2026. More info to follow on this one..

QSL via LoTW, QRZ, ClubLog & HRDLog.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

QSL preview



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC Team SES will be active as **DH2026EM** between 10 January and 10 February for the Men's European Handball Championship to be co-hosted by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational

and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": **II4GMRC** (January), **II4AJMR** (February), **II4AMRC** (March), **II4JDVS** (April), **II4ROSA** (May), **II4PRCE** (June), **II4JAFL** (July), **II4KEMP** (August), **II4PAGE** (September), **II4NTTI** (October), **II4GCLB** (November), **II4SLRI** (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ1426EN** (January and February), **LZ488AM** (March and April), **LZ370TL** (May and June), **LZ67PP** (July and August), **LZ936BA** (September and October), **LZ911TD** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

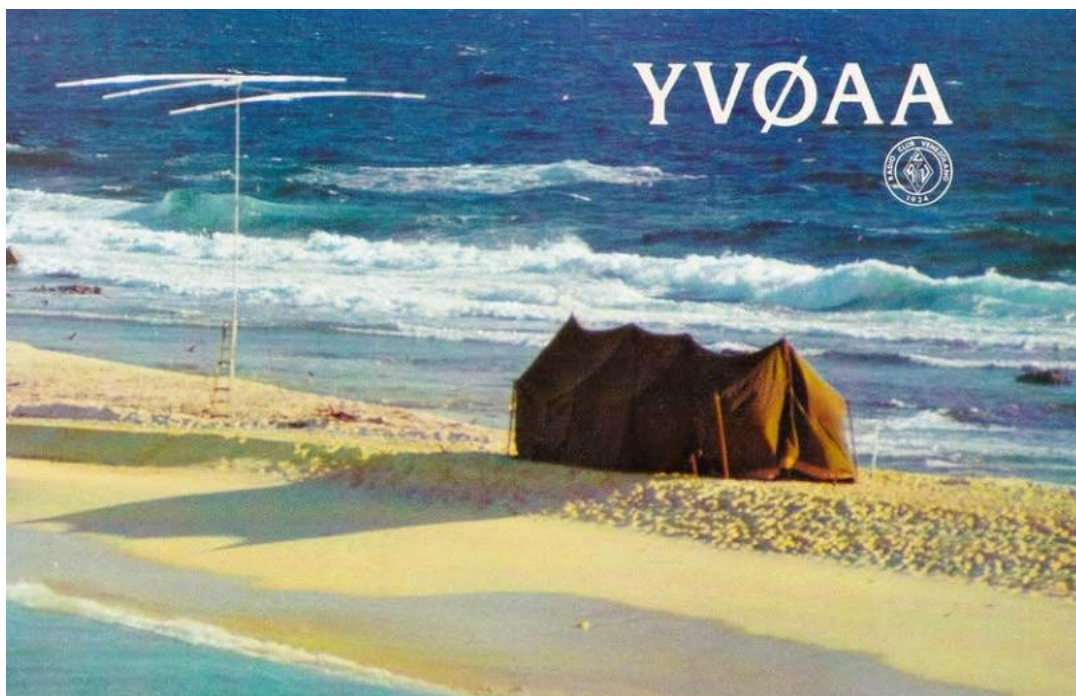
9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CN, MOROCCO The Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active with the special callsign **CN35CAN** around the Africa Coup of Nations 2025 (Dec. 21 to Jan. 18). QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)



DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 100 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in

Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN **EG1NV** is a special event station celebrating Christmas lights in Vigo. QRV until Jan. 12 in 2026. QSL via LoTW, qrz.com, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM23AAW** to be on air from February 16 to March 2, 2026. Activity is to celebrate the 23th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM23AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his QTH of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 358. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it



G, ENGLAND Using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd from the mid-1950s to the 1970s, the **GB8KW** multi-operator station will be active again over the "KW Weekend" (3-4 January) from the Cray Valley radio club's HQ in Eltham, England. Other special callsigns are expected to be activated by collectors and restorers across the UK during the month, notably GB2KW from Scotland. (TNX 425DX)

HH, HAITI During January, **4V1L** commemorates Marie-Jeanne Lamartiniere, a heroine of the Haitian Revolution. QSL via N200. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, **SP1894MMK** (1-31 January), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on 8 January 1894 and killed at Auschwitz in 1941. It will be followed by **SP1440SL** (February), **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2026A, R2026C, R2026L, R2026N, R2026NY, R2026S,**

R2026X, UE26HNY and **UE26NY** will be active from 29 December to 11 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). QSLs via RQ7L. See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YR1600VT is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA AX120AAC celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

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W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0** through **K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL60PAH is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)

Astronomy pictures by Jim Danielson, AC9EZ

Jim and I are friends for more than 10 years now, we met back in the days via ECHOLINK. Jim is a senior at Purdue University Fort Wayne, majoring in music with a minor in journalism. One of his interests is astronomy, I am happy to share with you one of his great shots.

'This is a screenshot I took on my iPhone 15+. The photo is my most recent capture of M31 (the Andromeda Galaxy - see the original image pinned at the top of my Insta page.)'

